

the floor to remind my colleagues that the American people are incensed over the unwarranted targeting and mistreatment by the IRS.

Without the administration's help, the House has done its due diligence to get to the bottom of this issue, but it seems as though a new scandal comes to light every day. Most recently, we learned about the purchase of wine, romance novels, and even illicit material on IRS credit cards. Add lavish conferences, improper contracting practices, singling out of adoptive families, and, of course, the systematic targeting of conservative and religious groups, it is apparent that the IRS is an agency out of control.

Mr. Speaker, the Fourth of July causes our entire Nation to pause and reflect on the vision of liberty our Founders valued when they declared our independence. Liberty is jeopardized when Federal agencies abuse the trust granted by the people. It must end, and the administration and the IRS must show Congress and the American people that it will never happen again.

#### REPLACE SEQUESTRATION

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, Washington's failure to replace sequestration is imposing real penalties on families all across our country. This week, in my home State of Rhode Island, more than 3,000 civilian Department of Defense employees at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center and the U.S. Naval War College were furloughed, imposing the equivalent of a roughly 20 percent pay cut through the end of the fiscal year. And it doesn't stop there.

Sequestration is expected to cost the American economy 750,000 jobs this year alone, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Americans have had enough of dysfunction, gridlock, and political posturing between Republicans and Democrats in Washington. It's time for Congress to start getting things done for working families, and that's why I'm calling on the House Republican leadership to immediately bring H.R. 2060 to the House floor for an up-or-down vote so we can replace sequestration with smart, targeted spending cuts and new sources of revenue by eliminating subsidies for big oil companies and closing tax loopholes for corporations that ship American jobs overseas, commonsense solutions that all of us in this Chamber should agree on.

#### REPEAL AND REPLACE OBAMACARE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, according to a recent editorial in the Washington Times:

The promise of ObamaCare was that it would make health insurance both universal and affordable.

It was obvious from the beginning that President Obama's scheme, a fantasy of politics and palaver, wouldn't work. The folly of the health care takeover becomes ever more clear with the appearance of the markers for implementation. Robust economic growth is crucial, and ObamaCare threatens to make a bad economy much worse. Congress must listen to the whistle of that speeding train bearing down on us and step on the brakes and avoid the wreck while there's still time to come.

The wheeling and dealing of the dishonest ObamaCare campaign has finally caught up with the President. Delaying the employer mandate while still requiring individuals to comply with the government health care takeover bill is wrong and will place a burden on American families. We must repeal ObamaCare in its entirety and replace it with a plan to preserve the doctor-patient relationship before this unworkable law destroys more jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### SECURITY AT OUR PORTS

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, as a representative of our Nation's busiest port complex and the cofounder and cochair of the Ports Caucus, I understand the unique security challenges that ports pose to our economic and national security. Ports are a crucial piece of our economy, and a potential attack or disruption to trade operations could have a disastrous impact on the American economy.

Last week, the Brookings Institution released a study highlighting troubling cybersecurity weaknesses at our Nation's ports, an all too often overlooked area of infrastructure vulnerability.

We need to do better and finally take a comprehensive examination of the security of our Nation's ports facilities and develop a plan to address any gaps or vulnerabilities.

This is why I urge my colleagues to support the GAPS Act, my legislation that directs the Department of Homeland Security to conduct a comprehensive classified study of potential gaps in port security and prepare a plan to address them. After all, think tanks aren't the only ones looking for security weaknesses at our ports.

#### STOP OBAMACARE

(Mr. GUTHRIE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, just last week the administration chose to delay implementation of the employer mandate by 1 year. While this delay grants

business owners more time to determine their options, it is not the repeal that we need.

The House majority leadership sent a letter to President Obama today asking him to explain what prompted a delay in the employer mandate. The American people—families like yours and mine—are left wondering what led to this decision and why the individual mandate, which will be just as costly, remains in place. I join my colleagues in requesting this vital information.

The requirements of the health care law have always left more questions than answers. I continue to hear from Kentuckians who wonder if they will lose their coverage, be forced to choose different providers, or be saddled with enormous new costs. ObamaCare continues to be the train wreck that will destroy jobs, and we have to stop it.

#### SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS ACT

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to legislation I'm reintroducing, the School-Based Health Centers Act.

My bill is simple and straightforward. It reauthorizes the only source of Federal support dedicated to the operations of school-based health centers. These centers provide vital, preventive, and primary health services to over 2 million students nationwide. They are often the only source of health care for children and adolescents, and they are easily accessible, keeping students healthy, in school, and learning.

Yet, in the current economic climate, many of the nearly 2,000 centers are at risk of cutting services, jobs, or even closing. That's why I've reintroduced legislation to ensure that these important health centers not only remain open, but can expand to serve even more students.

Students deserve reliable access to quality comprehensive health care services, and at school-based health centers, they can find one of the best ways to do just that.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring the School-Based Health Centers bill.

#### COLLECTION AND USE OF DATA

(Mr. LUETKEMEYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, earlier today the Financial Services Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's widespread collection and use of data.

At this time, Washington is flooded with scandals over mass surveillance and political targeting. Over the past

few months, Americans have seen and continue to see the potential for personal information to be misused and compromised by the government.

Now another government agency that has touted itself as being transparent is spending millions of dollars to collect and store information on potentially millions of U.S. citizens.

Even more troubling is that in today's hearing, the Acting Deputy Director of the CFPB couldn't even give a broad estimate of the number of Americans having their data monitored.

Americans have a right to know that their government has gone too far. It is time for the CFPB and the administration to answer questions from Congress, allow for greater transparency, and safeguard the privacy and constitutional rights of American citizens.

#### OUR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, this month we celebrate one of America's best ideas, our national park system, and what it means for millions of our families each year to be able to enjoy the park system throughout our country. As we mark National Parks and Recreation Month, we remember that the parks in America belong to all of us.

We have some wonderful parks in California. Yosemite National Park is in my backyard, and it brings millions of Americans to California, who stand in awe of Half Dome and Yosemite Falls, Toulumne Grove and the Mariposa redwoods.

I have introduced legislation before this House that would protect Yosemite's vulnerable western boundary by expanding the park to include 1,600 acres that was originally intended by John Muir. This would ensure that we continue to preserve the park for future generations of Americans as it was originally envisioned almost 150 years ago.

It has been said that nothing is more American than our national park system. My bill would guarantee that we're protecting one of the crown jewels of this truly American treasure.

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#### OBAMACARE DELAYS EMPLOYER MANDATE

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Three and a half years and hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars later, this administration still hasn't figured out how to implement their healthcare law. What more proof do they need?

More now than ever, it's clear that this law is too complicated, too expensive, and worst, failing American families.

Last week, the Obama administration announced they would no longer require businesses to offer health insurance to workers next year, nor require States to verify residents' income before signing them up for insurance.

While these actions provide much-needed relief to our job creators, who have been forced to shrink paychecks and freeze hiring, it still requires individuals and families to obtain insurance. It also opens the door to more waste, fraud, and abuse of precious taxpayer dollars.

American families want, need, and deserve patient-centered care, not the government-knows-best healthcare system.

It's time to repeal and shred this broken law into ribbons. Let's start over with real, commonsense reform before it's too late.

#### HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF KAITLYN KIRCHNER

(Mr. WALZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kaitlyn Kirchner, a constituent of mine from Madelia, Minnesota. She created the winning recipe in the White House's second annual Healthy Lunchtime Challenge and won an invitation to today's Kids' State Dinner hosted by the First Lady.

Yesterday, I had the honor of meeting Kaitlyn and her family, and what an impressive young woman. At age 9, she created not only a healthy recipe that would make any chef proud, she did it making it healthy with 100 calories or less in the dish.

Since she's been 3 years old, Kaitlyn has been helping her mother handpick vegetables and cook seasonal dishes.

Her recipe for the competition was a garden stir fry featuring Minnesota homegrown carrots, broccoli, yellow summer squash, sugar snap peas, red bell peppers, and onions.

There's no doubt that Kaitlyn has a bright future ahead of her in whatever she decides to do. It's an honor for me to meet Kaitlyn and her family and congratulate her on this high honor and her contribution to making America a healthier Nation.

#### OUR MANTRA SHOULD BE: JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

(Ms. WILSON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it's now been 919 days since I arrived in Congress—919 days—and the Republican leadership has still not allowed a single vote on serious legislation to address our unemployment crisis.

After learning of Friday's lackluster job numbers, many pundits and politicians actually cheered. It could have been worse, they said. They also said things are returning to normal.

Try telling that to any of the 11.8 million Americans who are still out of work, or to the millions more who are underemployed or have given up looking for work.

According to Friday's job numbers, the average length of unemployment is now at 35 weeks. Before the Great Recession, the average was just 16 weeks.

Mr. Speaker, it's no wonder people are losing hope. It's our obligation to restore that hope.

As we begin this July session, let's commit to passing a comprehensive bill to restore unemployment for young people, recent grads, and the long-unemployed.

Mr. Speaker, our mantra should be: jobs, jobs, jobs.

#### THE NEXT CHAPTER IN THE WAR ON WOMEN

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TITUS. When the majority leader announced a list of bills that the House may consider over the next few weeks, I was disappointed to hear that, in July, instead of focusing on significant challenges that face our Nation, House Republicans will begin the next chapter in their war on women.

We may consider, we heard, appropriations bills and another farm bill that would have drastic cuts to vital programs like SNAP and WIC that disproportionately devastate low-income women and families.

We may, yet again, vote on legislation to repeal or gut the Affordable Care Act, which has provided millions of women with access to preventive care and ensured, finally, that being a woman is not a preexisting condition.

What's equally troubling is what we didn't hear, what's missing from the list. Where is a budget to replace the sequester, which is prohibiting access to lifesaving programs for victims of domestic violence?

Where is legislation to create jobs, put Americans back to work, and strengthen economic opportunities for the middle class?

And where is the Paycheck Fairness Act to finally ensure that women get equal pay for equal work?

I say we need another list.

#### CONDOLENCES TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CRASH OF ASIANA AIRLINES FLIGHT 214

(Ms. SPEIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join Leader PELOSI in expressing my condolences to all those affected by the crash of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 on Saturday morning at San Francisco International Airport in my district.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of the two victims of the crash on their way to a summer camp